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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**SITE 36-12: PITS/TRENCHES**

Site 36-12 occupies approximately 120,000 square feet in the southeast quarter of Section 36 of Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The site, which is divided into three rectangular areas, was investigated under Task 1 in the spring of 1985. Although Site 36-12 was reportedly used for trench disposal activities, historical documentation and personnel interviews indicate that the site was a munitions storage yard. Seven borings were drilled to depths of 5 to 17 feet and yielded 23 soil/bedrock samples.

Target volatile and semivolatile compounds were not detected in any of the Phase I samples. The following metals were detected within or slightly above their indicator range: copper, chromium, arsenic, mercury, lead, and zinc. With the exception of four surficial Phase I samples containing elevated mercury concentrations, these metal values appear to reflect chemical variation between alluvial and bedrock samples.

The surficial mercury values will be further investigated under the Section 36-UNC investigation, since these values appear to be related to windblown contamination in the nonsource areas of the section. A Phase II program is not recommended for this site since the expected organic compounds were not detected. Based on Phase I data, the volume of potentially contaminated soil will be reduced from 44,000 bank cubic yards and included in the Section 36-Nonsource Area volume estimate.

## SITE 36-12: PITS/TRENCHES

### 1.0 PHYSICAL SETTING

#### 1.1 LOCATION

Site 36-12 is composed of three rectangular areas in the southeast corner of Section 36 at Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) (Figure 36-12-1). The three sites are each approximately 1 acre in size and were reportedly used for disposal of solid waste including pesticides.

The areal extent of this site was previously estimated at 120,000 square feet ( $\text{ft}^2$ ) (RMACCPMT, 1984, RIC#84034R01). Based on aerial photograph interpretation, the site boundaries were slightly modified prior to the Phase I program, but the investigated site still covered approximately 120,000  $\text{ft}^2$  (Figure 36-12-1). No physical or visual evidence of disposal activity exists at the site.

#### 1.2 GEOLOGY

The site is situated on Pleistocene alluvium which consists of interbedded silty sand, gravel, and clay partly covered by a thin layer of eolian sand and silt. The alluvial thickness is approximately 9 ft based on lithologic logs from nearby monitor wells (Clark, 1985, RIC#85183R01).

The alluvium is underlain by the Denver Formation which is characterized by bentonite-rich clay/shale and compact lenticular sand horizons. Lithologic variations in the Denver Formation include interbedded siltstone, claystone, sandstone, low-grade coal, lignite, and volcaniclastic material (May, 1982, RIC#82295R01, RMACCPMT, 1983, RIC#83326R01; Anderson *et al.*, 1979; RIC#85214R03; Clark, 1985, RIC#85183R01). Based on the logs of nearby monitor wells, a volcaniclastic unit may be projected beneath Site 36-12 (May *et al.*, 1983, RIC#83299R01). Although this unit may sporadically subcrop in the site area, the bulk of the area is thought to be underlain by a bedrock high composed of claystone.



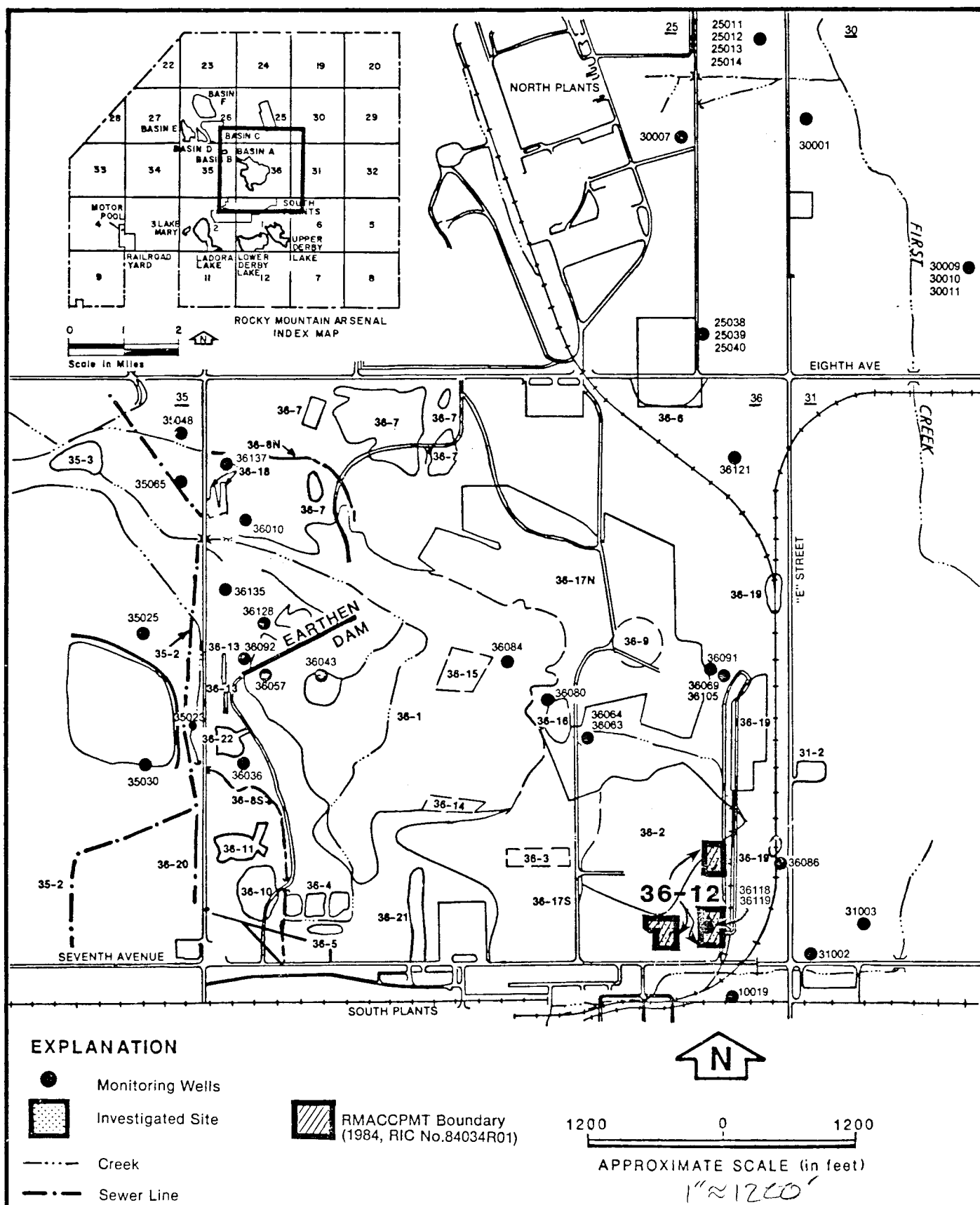


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SITE LOCATION MAP,  
SITE 36-12  
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The seven Phase I borings investigated the alluvium and the upper portion of the Denver Formation. The alluvium consisted of 3 to 4 feet (ft) of sandy silt underlain by 2 of 4 ft to fine-grained, silty sand.

The Denver Formation was encountered in the following four borings from Site 36-12.

<u>Boring Number</u>	<u>Bedrock Depth (ft)</u>	<u>Lithology</u>
3126	5.0	Claystone
3127	6.0	Claystone
3129	7.0	Claystone
3132	6.4	Weathered Claystone

A representative boring log is presented in Figure 36-12-2.

### 1.3 HYDROLOGY

The site is situated on a topographic ridge, which forms a divide between drainage to First Creek and Basin A. The ground surface elevation varies from 5,255 ft above mean sea level (msl) in the northern most rectangular site to 5,263 ft msl in the southeast site (Figure 36-12-3). Surface drainage from Site 36-12 is northwest toward Basin A in the west site and toward First Creek in the other two sites.

Although the general direction of ground water flow at RMA is to the north or northwest, ground water flow beneath Site 36-12 is to the northeast (Figure 36-12-4). The ground water contour map generated from water levels in March 1986 (ESE, 1986b, RIC#86238R08) indicates that the water table elevation ranges from 5,237 ft msl to 5,248 ft msl. The water table at this site lies beneath the alluvium-Denver Formation contact at a depth of 10 to 20 ft below the ground surface. None of the Phase I borings encountered ground water.

Denver Formation Wells 36118 and 36119 were sampled during the Task 4 Initial Screening Program (ESE, 1986b, RIC#86238R08) and are located within Site 36-12 boundaries. Neither of the wells contained target compounds. Not enough data is available to determine if activities at this site contribute to ground water contamination.

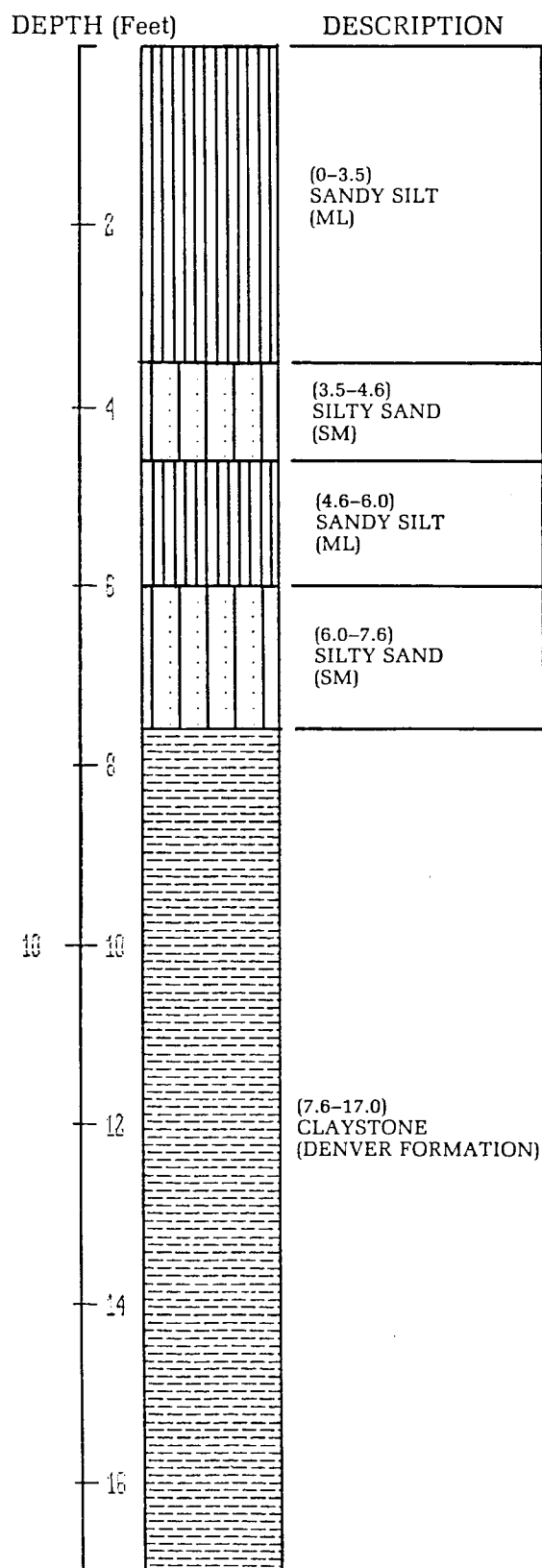


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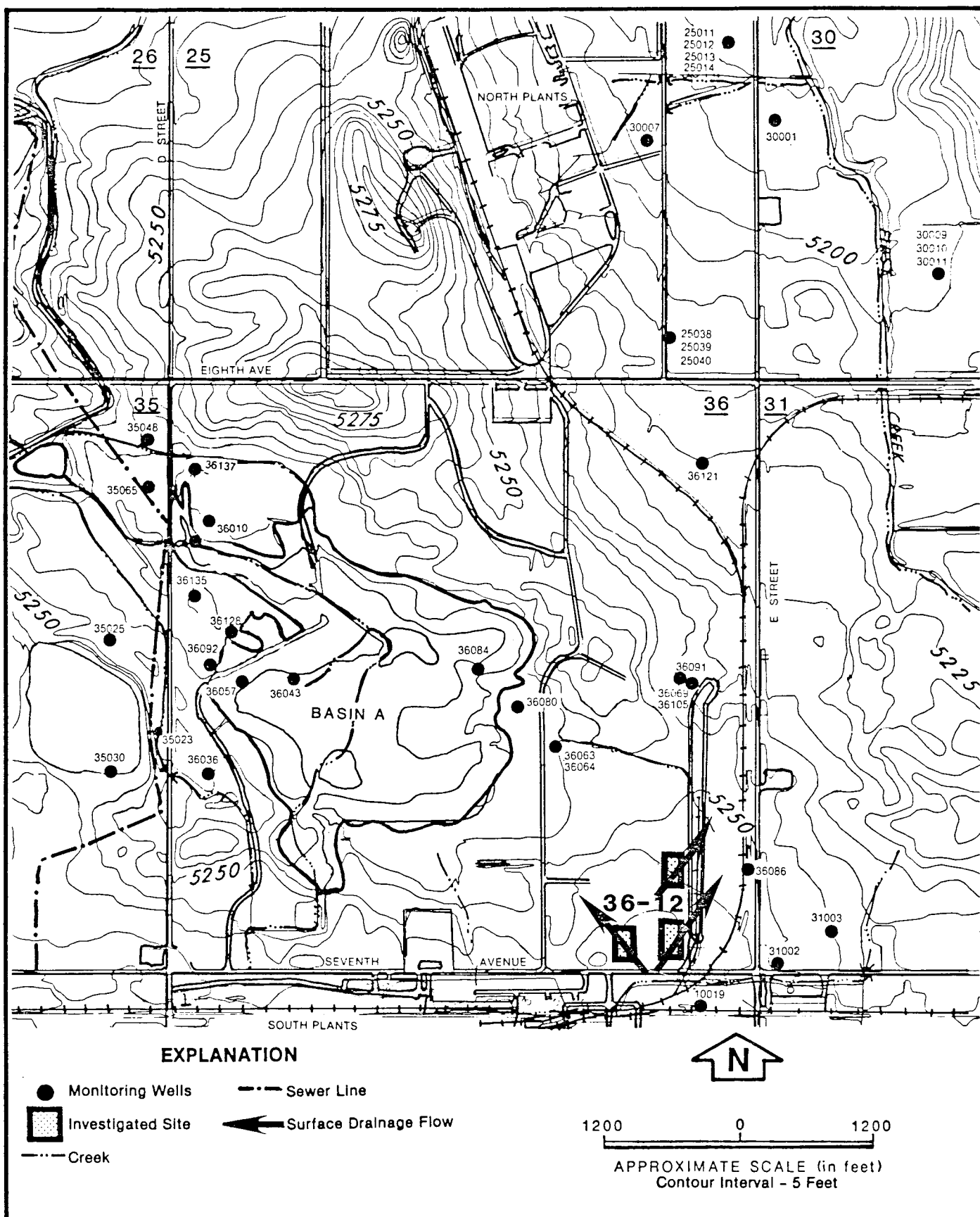


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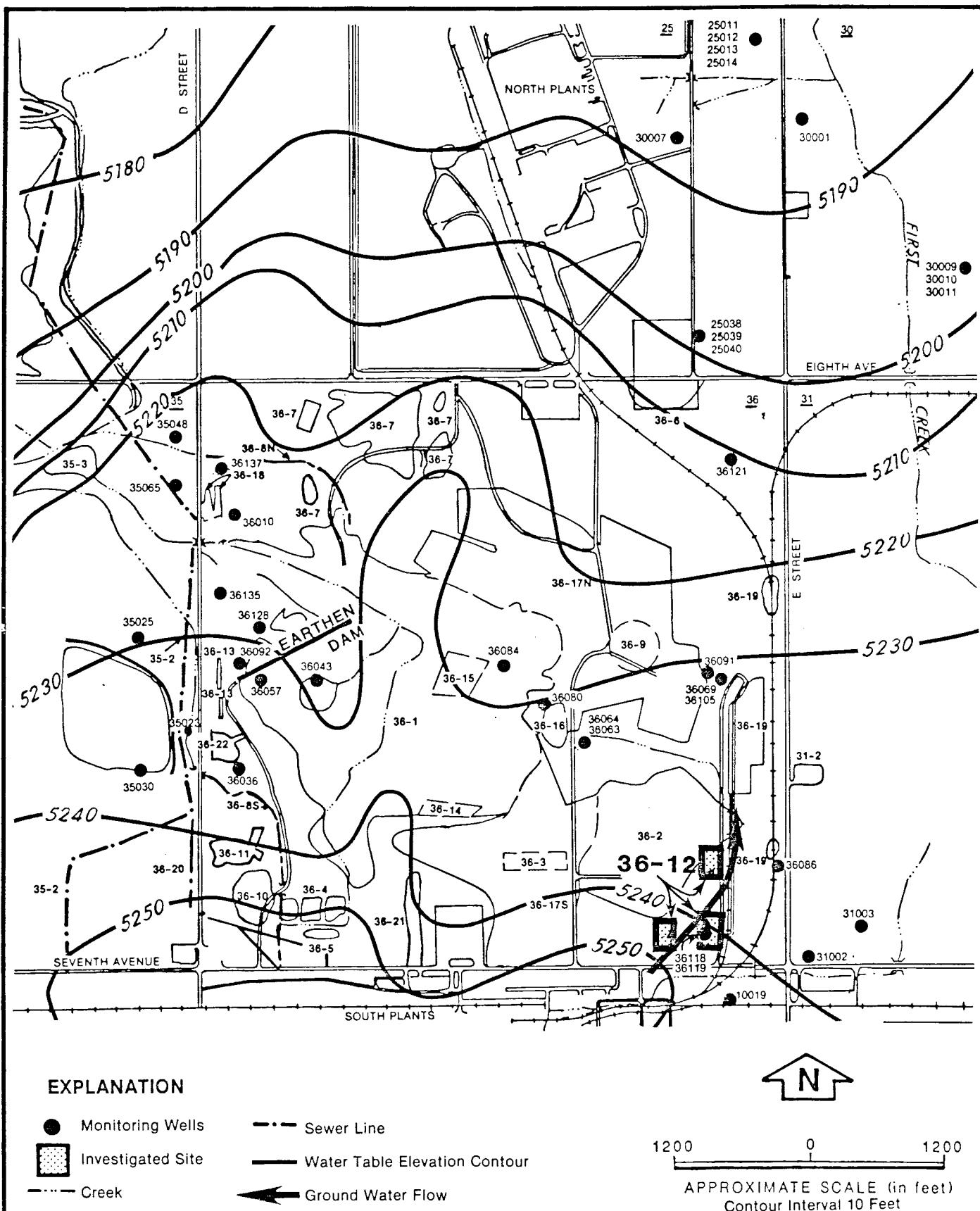


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## 2.0 HISTORY

During the early 1950's, Site 36-12 contained three rectangular plots which were utilized by the Army for the open storage of M19 clusters (CAPS, 1951; RMA, 1951c; RMA, 1951d). Each plot, with approximate dimensions of 400 ft by 230 ft, contained four tracks, oriented north-south, upon which the munitions were stored (CAPS, 1951; RMA, 1951c). Also during the 1950's, similar plots surrounded Site 36-12. It appears that these neighboring plots carried out the same functions as those in Site 36-12 (CAPS, 1951; RMA, 1951c; RMA, 1951d). A 1951 photograph shows the neighboring plots immediately surrounding Site 36-12 on the west, north, and east.

Three suspected former storage plots are located predominantly within the Site 36-2 firebreak. The first plot, approximately 400 ft west of Site 36-12's northern plot, is a clear rectangular area which displays signs of earlier storage activity. Another clear rectangular plot is approximately 400 ft north. The third suspected plot lies approximately 400 ft north of the northern edge of Site 36-12's northern plot (CAPS, 1951; RMA, 1953).

Three additional plots are east of Site 36-12 within the southeastern region of Section 36-UNC. The first of these storage plots is located west of the GB rail line, approximately 400 ft east of Site 36-12's northern plot and contains four distinct storage rows. The second plot, consisting of one and a quarter rows, is approximately 200 ft from the mid-eastern boundary of Site 36-12. The third plot lies east of the GB rail line, approximately 450 ft east of Site 36-12's southeastern plot. In addition to these plots, a graded area is located approximately 400 ft northeast from Site 36-12's northern plot, and can easily be identified due to extensive grading. This graded area may have contained a storage plot (CAPS, 1951; RMA, 1953).

In August 1950, RMA was reactivated in support of the Korean War. As a result, several munitions programs including the M19 Renovation Program were set into motion at RMA (RMA, 1950b, pp. 103-104).

The M19 Incendiary Cluster is comprised of 38 M69 napalm (NP)-filled bomblets. An M69 weighs 6 pounds, is 19.5 inches long and 2.88 inches wide, and is filled with 2.8 pounds of NP, a "black powder" charge, and magnesium.

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In addition, the nose cup houses the charge, a diaphragm, and an M1 delay fuze (Eversman, 1954).

Shipments of M19 cluster bombs from Deseret Chemical Depot to RMA began in November 1950. By the end of March 1951, shipments were completed, and a total of 36,629 clusters had been received for renovation (RMA, 1950b; RMA, 1951b; RMA, 1951c). An unknown number of these cluster bombs were stored in the Site 36-12 area. The crated clusters were probably stacked under tarpaulins at Site 36-12 and neighboring plots for temporary storage (CAPS, 1951; Steidtman, 1951).

By 1953, Site 36-12 and neighboring storage plots were phased out of use, apparently due to (1) the January-March 1951 construction of the GB rail line at which time at least 2,600 M19 clusters had to be removed from the storage plots to make room for the construction in the area, (2) the increased use of Site 36-2, a munition test area, in the immediate vicinity of Site 36-12, (3) the completion of the reworking program in 1952, which led to the shipment of the renovated clusters and/or necessitated the establishment of a permanent storage area at RMA for subsequent storage of the clusters, and (4) the availability of new permanent storage facilities at RMA (CAPS, 1951; Armitage, 1951; RMA, 1951c; RMA, 1951a; Smith, 1951a; RMA, 1950a; RMA, 1953).

Documentation indicates that from approximately April 1951 to June 1952, the Army reworked a total of 37,657 M19 clusters at RMA (Smith 1951b; RMA, 1952).

A review of aerial photographs taken between 1943 and 1975 (CWS, 1945; CAPS, 1948; CAPS, 1951; RMA, 1953; Stout et al, 1982, RIC#83368R01) reveals the following information pertinent to the Site 36-12 area:

<u>Photograph Date</u>	<u>Site Description</u>
July 9, 1943	No activity at the site can be noticed. The site is indistinguishable from its surroundings.
August 20, 1945	No change from the previous photograph.

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October 21, 1948	No change from the previous photograph.
July 21, 1950	No change from the previous photograph.
March 25, 1951	Site 36-12 activity is now visible. Three rectangular plots, each approximately 400 ft by 230 ft, are seen. The two eastern plots contain four north-south-oriented storage rows. The western plot contains three rows and displays signs that an additional row has existed. Neighboring plots surround Site 36-12 on the west, north, and east.
1953	The three rectangular plots at Site 36-12 are faintly visible. It appears that the site is naturally revegetating and is inactive.
February 21, 1958	The site has almost completely revegetated.
August 11, 1962	The site has revegetated and for the most part cannot be distinguished from its surroundings.
October 15, 1975	No changes from the previous photograph.

Site 36-12 was clearly part of a temporary open storage area for M19 incendiary cluster bombs. In February 1982, W.J. Moloney, a RMA employee at the time, prepared a report covering known and suspected disposal activities in Section 36 of RMA. Interpreting a 1953 aerial photograph of RMA, Mr. Moloney reported that the site consisted of "three separate groups, each containing four or five long trenches" (Moloney, 1982, p.7-7). The original site designation, "Pits/Trenches", was based on this photograph interpretation. In a deposition taken in November 1985, however, Mr. Moloney admitted that he had reported this because "I didn't know what it was" and that "it had a suspicious appearance". "In the interest of being careful and conservative, I included it [as a disposal site]", he added. He further clarified that "more than likely what I saw was the storage of munitions" at the site (Moloney, 1985, p. 185).



### 3.0 SITE INVESTIGATION

#### 3.1 PREVIOUS SOIL INVESTIGATIONS

The soil at Site 36-12 is classified by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (Sampson and Baber, 1974) in the Ascalon Series and is characterized as Ascalon-Sandy loam with a 3- to 5-percent slope. Ascalon series soils are well-drained and become calcareous with depth. The soil absorbs water at a moderate to rapid rate and has a high water capacity.

No previous soil contamination studies are documented for this site.

#### 3.2 PHASE I SURVEY

##### 3.2.1 Phase I Program

The Phase I Survey for Site 36-12 consisted of drilling 7 borings, yielding 23 soil/bedrock samples from depths from 5 ft to 17 ft. Boring locations are shown in Figure 36-12-5.

Soil samples were collected using the continuous soil sampling method described in the Task 1 Technical Plan (ESE, 1985, RIC#85127R07). Samples were obtained as predetermined intervals unless field conditions (i.e., water table, staining, etc.) required an adjustment in the intervals. Seven borings yielding 23 samples were completed in Site 36-12 as follows:

Boring Number	Depth (ft)	Number of Samples
3126	14.5	4
3127	14.5	4
3128	5	2
3129	17	5
3130	5	2
3131	5	2
3132	15	4
Total =		23

Prior to drilling, all boring sites were cleared for safety purposes in accordance with the geophysical program detailed in the Task 1 Technical Plan (ESE, 1985, RIC#85127R07). Borehole site clearance was used to ensure drilling would not encounter buried unexploded ordnance (UXO) or other metal that could pose a significant safety risk. Magnetic intensity readings were obtained with a gradiometer. A 20-ft square grid was centered at each boring location and gradiometer readings were obtained at a spacing of 5 ft

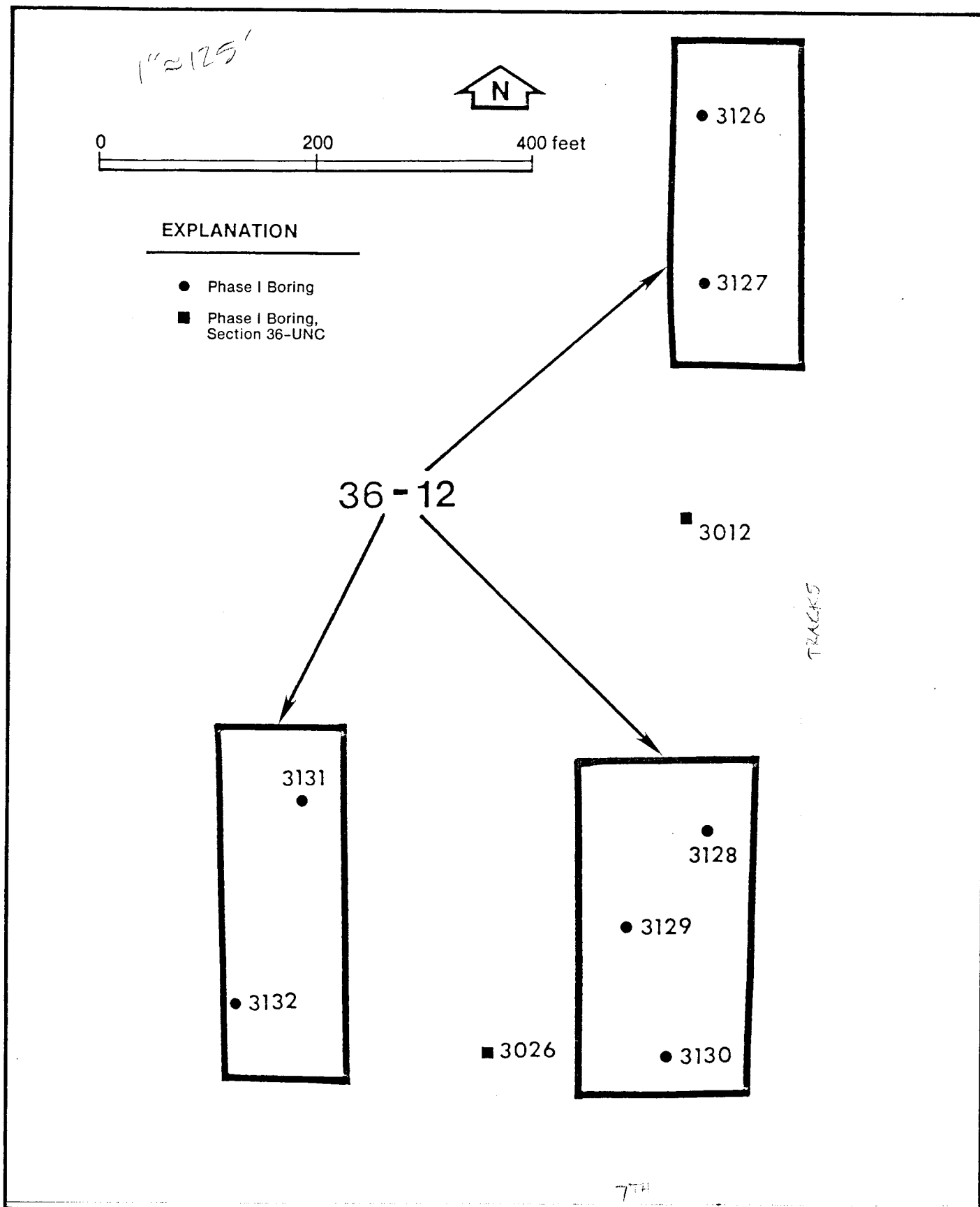


Figure 36-12-5  
PHASE I INVESTIGATION  
BORING LOCATION MAP  
SITE 36-12

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throughout the area. A contour map was prepared from the data and used to place the boring in the safest location within the geophysical plot. Following borehole site clearance, a metal detector was used to check for surficial (0 to 2 ft) metal which may have presented a safety risk. None of the seven borings were relocated as a result of borehole site clearance, although the gradiometer survey for Boring 3126 indicated a linear anomaly east of the boring which was caused by a barbed wire fence 15 ft away.

A photoionization detector (PID) calibrated to an isobutylene standard, was used to obtain readings from open boreholes during drilling and from soil samples during geologic logging. The PID measures the concentration of organic vapors in the air and is a method of ensuring personnel safety.

All samples were analyzed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) for semivolatile organic compounds and by inductively coupled argon plasma (ICP) analyses for cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, and zinc. All samples were analyzed for arsenic and mercury by atomic absorption (AA) spectroscopy and for dibromochloropropane (DBCP) by GC. A GC/MS volatile organic analysis was performed on four samples. A complete list of Phase I analytes is in Appendix 36-12-A.

The Phase I remedial investigation program for this site was developed and implemented based on historical documentation, aerial photographs, and other information available at the time of its implementation. Since that time, previously unavailable information has been identified through the efforts of Acumenics, a contractor to the Department of Justice. This more recently available information has been incorporated into the history section of this report. Furthermore, this additional information has been evaluated in detail to determine how it might impact the investigation approach at this site. Based upon this evaluation, it has been determined that the additional information collected since the Phase I program was designed does not substantially alter the view of potential contamination at this site. As a result, the Phase I program as conducted is judged to provide a complete and accurate investigation of the possible contamination at this site.

### 3.2.2 Phase I Field Observations

Observations during the drilling operations did not reveal any evidence of historical trenching activities. The ground surface is relatively flat and uniformly vegetated. There are no signs of depressed liner features nor are there any signs of furrows or mounding.

An M8 alarm and M18A2 test kit were used to detect the presence of chemical agents in boreholes and soils samples. The M8 alarm is used to detect Sarin (GB) and VX at detection levels of 0.2 and 0.4 milligrams per cubic meter ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ) respectively, after a response time of 2 to 3 minutes (USAMDARC, 1982; USAMDARC, 1979; HDOA, 1976). However, many other substances, including smoke and engine exhaust, can activate the M8 alarm. The M18A2 is used as a backup test if the M8 alarm is triggered, as a substitute for the M8, and as a specific check for the presence of mustard (H). Specifically at RMA, the M18A2 test kit is used to detect GB, VX, H, distilled mustard (HD), and Lewisite (L), based upon the knowledge that these agents were manufactured, stored, or demilitarized at the site. The detection limit for mustard agents is  $0.5 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$  and the detection limit for GB is  $0.2 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$ . The detection limit for L in soil is 5 parts per million (ppm). Field monitoring for chemical agents with the M8 alarm and M18A2 test kit were negative at this site.

PID readings during drilling were below background in the breathing zone. Readings of 0.4 to 2, however, were observed in the auger annulus.

### 3.2.3 Geophysical Exploration

Although this site was reportedly used for trench disposal activities, historical documentation, personnel interviews, review of aerial photographs, and field observations indicate that the site was used for munitions storage. No geophysical survey was performed at this site other than the borehole clearance program previously described in Section 3.2.1.

### 3.2.4 Phase I Analyte Levels and Distribution

Table 36-12-1 contains indicator ranges and a statistical summary of Phase I analytical results. A summary of analytical data for each sample including lithology and air monitoring results is presented in Table 36-12-2. A listing of the target compounds and a tabulation of analytical data can be found in Appendices 36-12-A and 36-12-B.

Table 36-12-1. Summary of Analytical Results for Site 36-12

Constituent	Number of Samples*	Concentrations (µg/g)					Indicator Range
		Range	Mean	Median	ESE Detection Limit	MRI Detection Limit	
<u>Volatiles (N=4) †</u>							
None detected							DL
<u>Semivolatiles (N=23) †</u>							
None detected							DL
<u>Dibromochloropropane (N=23) †</u>							
None detected					0.005	0.005	DL
<u>Metals (N=23) †</u>							
Cadmium	0	--	--	--	0.9	0.5	1.0-2.0
Chromium	13	9-27	14	12	7.2	7.4	25-40
Copper	23	6-47	20	18	4.8	4.9	20-35
Lead	17	19-60	26	22	17	16	25-40
Zinc	23	30-100	57	45	16	2.8	60-80
<u>Arsenic (N=23) †</u>	8	5-10	6.6	6.6	4.7	5.2	DL-10
<u>Mercury (N=23) †</u>	4	0.07-0.16	0.10	0.08	0.050	0.070	DL-0.10

\* Number of samples in which constituent was detected above the detection limit.

† N = Number of samples analyzed.

-- Not calculated for less than five detections.

DL Detection limit

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Table 36-12-2. Concentrations of Target Analytes Above Detection Limits in Site 36-12 Soil Samples (Page 1 of 2)

Bore Number Depth (ft) Geologic Material	3126 0-1 Sandy Silt	3126 4-5 Sandy Fragment of Claystone	3126 9-10 Claystone (Denver Formation)	3126 13.5-14.5 Claystone (Denver Formation)	3127 0-1 Sandy Clay	3127 4-5 Silty Sand w/ Fragments of Claystone	3127 9-10 Claystone (Denver Formation)	3127 13.4-14.5 Claystone (Denver Formation)	3128 0-1 Sandy Silt	3128 4-5 Silty Sand
<b>AIR MONITORING</b>										
PID*	BKD	BKD	2.0	BKD	BKD	0.4	BKD	2.0	0.6	0.5
<b>SOIL CHEMISTRY</b>										
<u>Volatiles (µg/g)</u>	NA	NA	NA	BDL	NA	NA	NA	BDL	NA	NA
<u>Semivolatiles (µg/g)</u>										
None detected										
<u>Dibromochloropropane (µg/g)</u>										
None detected										
<u>Metals (µg/g)</u>										
Cadmium	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
Chromium	13	BDL	BDL	BDL	24	BDL	BDL	BDL	12	10
Copper	11	26	27	18	16	22	29	37	10	9.0
Lead	31	21	BDL	23	24	20	22	29	BDL	60
Zinc	43	42	38	64	79	61	96	96	42	35
<u>Arsenic (µg/g)</u>	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	10	BDL	BDL	6.8	BDL	BDL
<u>Mercury (µg/g)</u>	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

Table 36-12-2. Concentrations of Target Analytes Above Detection Limits in Site 36-12 Soil Samples (Page 2 of 2)

Bore Number	3129	3129	3129	3129	3129	3130	3130	3131	3131	3132	3132	3132	3132
Depth (ft)	0-1	4-5	9-10	14-15	16-17	0-1	4-5	0-1	4-5	0-1	4-5	9-10	14-15
Geologic Material	Sandy Silt	Silty Sand	Claystone (Denver Formation)	Claystone (Denver Formation)	Claystone (Denver Formation)	Sandy Silt	Silty Sand	Sandy Silt	Silty Sand	Silty Sand	Silty Sand	Claystone (Denver Formation)	Claystone (Denver Formation)
<b>AIR MONITORING</b>													
PID*	BKD	BKD	BKD	1.4	BKD	BKD	1.4	BKD	BKD	BKD	BKD	1.0	BKD
<b>SOIL CHEMISTRY</b>													
Volatiles (µg/g)	NA	NA	NA	NA	BDL	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	BDL
<b>Semivolatiles (µg/g)</b>													
None detected													
<b>Dibromochloropropane (µg/g)</b>													
None Detected													
<b>Metals (µg/g)</b>													
Cadmium	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
Chromium	14	9.0	BDL	BDL	BDL	9.0	BDL	12	10	11	10	26	27
Copper	11	6.0	34	39	34	10	9.0	11	21	11	7.0	47	24
Lead	27	BDL	19	26	19	20	BDL	22	BDL	35	BDL	20	20
Zinc	45	30	85	100	86	37	35	40	37	53	35	58	78
Arsenic (µg/g)	6.6	BDL	5.4	6.7	BDL	5.0	BDL	5.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	6.9	BDL
Mercury (µg/g)	0.070	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	0.07	BDL	0.10	BDL	0.16	BDL	BDL	BDL

\* As calibrated to an isobutylene standard.  
 BKD No readings above ambient background.  
 BDL Below detection limit.  
 NA Not analyzed.

To assess the significance of metal and organic analytical values, indicator ranges were established. For organic compounds, the indicator limit is the method detection limit. For metals, a range of values was chosen to reflect the upper end of the natural range for each metal as normally found in RMA alluvial soil. The procedure for establishing indicator ranges is presented in the Introduction to the Contamination Assessment Reports (ESE, 1986a). Concentrations within and above indicator ranges for Phase I data are presented in Figure 36-12-6.

Semivolatile and volatile target organic compounds were not detected in any of the Phase I samples. Six samples contained arsenic within the indicator range, and one sample (Boring 3127, 0 to 1 ft) had an arsenic concentration slightly above the indicator range. Four of the 0- to 1-ft samples contained mercury within or slightly above its indicator range. Five samples contained lead within its indicator range and one sample (Boring 3128, 4 to 5 ft) contained lead at 60 ppm. Zinc was detected within or above the indicator range in 9 samples and cadmium was not detected in any of the 23 Phase I samples. Nine samples contained copper and two samples contained chromium within their indicator ranges.

Several compounds were detected by GC/MS that were not included in the target compound list and that were not conclusively identified. Table 36-12-3 lists the boring number, sample interval depth, relative retention time (shown as "unknown number" on the table), concentration, sample number, lot best-fit identification, and comments for these nontarget compounds detected at Site 36-12.

It should be noted that an individual compound may have more than one relative retention time and that a particular retention time may be assigned to more than one compound. Therefore, Table 36-12-3 provides only a general indication of additional compounds that may be present.



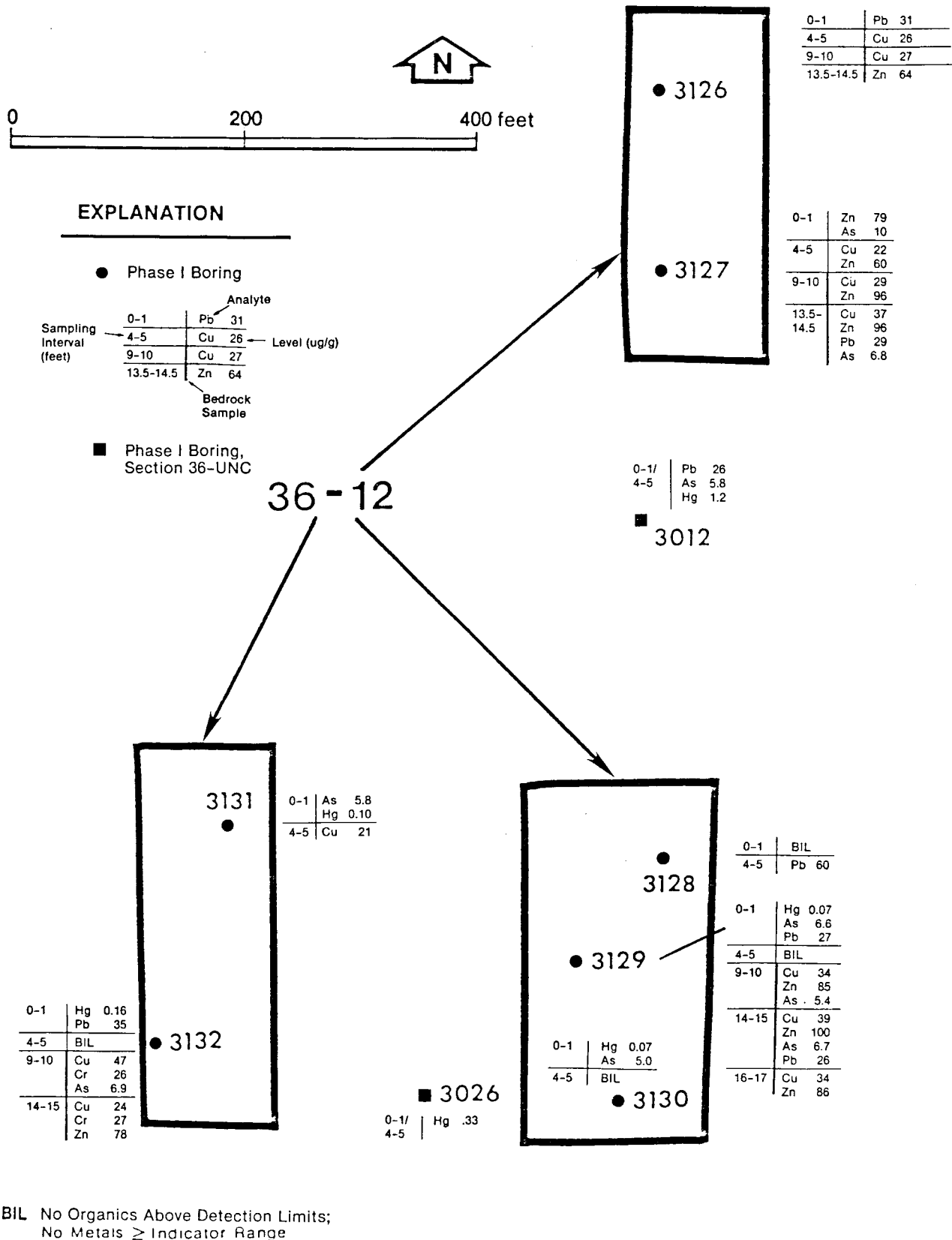


Figure 36-12-6  
PHASE I INVESTIGATION  
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS RESULTS,  
SITE 36-12  
SOURCE: ESE, 1987

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Table 36-12-3. Tentative Identification of Nontarget Compounds in Site 36-12 Soil Samples. (Page 1 of 2)

Borehole Number	Interval Depth (ft)	Unknown Number	Concentration (ppm)*	Sample Number	Lot	Best Fit	Comments†
3126	0-1	524	0.7	508908	BAT	Oxabicycloheptane	f
	4-5	614	2	508901	BAT	2-(9-Octadecenyl-ol)-ethanol	d
		630	1	508901	BAT	Diethyladipate	c,d
	9-10	614	0.5	508902	BAT	Dibutylnonanedioate	d,f
	13.5-14.5			508903			j
3127	0-1						j
	4-5	614	100	508506	BAK	9-Octadecen-1-ol	d
	9-10	614	3	508907	BAK	Dibutylnonanedioate	d
		630	2	508908	BAK	Diethyladipate	c,d
	13.5-14.5			508909			j
3128	0-1	629	2	508912	BAK	Diethyladipate	c,d
	4-5	620	0.8	508913	BAK	Butyloctadecanoate	d,f
		629	1	508913	BAK	Butyloctadecanoate	d
3129	0-1	628	2	508918	BAJ	Butyl myristate	d
		627	0.5	508918	BAJ	1-Heptadecanol	d,f
		633	0.7	508918	BAJ	Eicosane	d,f
		637	0.6	508918	BAJ	Unknown	a
		642	0.4	508918	BAJ	Unknown	a
		558	0.07	508919	BAJ	Unknown	a
		559	0.05	508919	BAJ	Unknown	a
	4-5	619	0.3	508919	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
		635	0.1	508919	BAJ	Phthalate	a,c,f
	9-10	619	1	508920	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
		621	0.3	508920	BAJ	Heptadecanol, acetate	d
		629	2	508920	BAJ	Octadecanoic acid C <sub>4</sub> ester	d
	14-15	608	0.1	508921	BAJ	Hexadecanoic acid	d
		614	0.5	508921	BAJ	Unknown	a
		619	0.3	508921	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
	16-17	628	1	508922	BAK	Butyl myristate	d
		629	1	508922	BAK	Butyl octadecanoate	d

Table 36-12-3. Tentative Identification of Nontarget Compounds in Site 36-12 Soil Samples. (Page 2 of 2)

Borehole Number	Interval Depth (ft)	Unknown Number	Concentration (ppm)*	Sample Number	Lot	Best Fit	Comments†
3130	0-1	608	0.4	508924	BAJ	Dodecanoic acid	d
		619	0.3	508924	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e, i
		629	0.7	508924	BAJ	Diethyladipate	c, g, h
	4-5	633	0.2	508924	BAJ	Unknown hydrocarbon	a, c, f, g
		619	0.3	508925	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
3131	0-1	608	0.5	508930	BAJ	Tetradecanoic acid	d
		619	0.6	508930	BAJ	Butyl myristate	d
		629	2	508930	BAJ	Diethyladipate	d
		630	0.2	508930	BAJ	Dodecenol	d
	4-5	633	0.2	508930	BAJ	Unknown hydrocarbon	a
		614	0.5	508931	BAJ	Unknown	a
		619	0.2	508931	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
		619	0.2	508936	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
		619	0.3	508937	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
		614	0.4	508938	BAJ	Octasulfur	d
3132	0-1	620	0.7	508938	BAJ	Butyl myristate	d
	4-5	621	0.3	508938	BAJ	Heptadecanol acetate	d
		629	1	508938	BAJ	Octadecanoic acid, dibutyl ester	d
		614	0.9	508939	BAJ	Dibutylnonanedioate	d
	9-10	619	0.3	508939	BAJ	Butyl-p-toluene sulphonate	e
	14-15						

\* Values reported are method blank corrected.

- † a. No positive identification.  
b. Surfactant.  
c. Plasticizer (note: All phthalates and adipates will have this comment).  
d. Derived from natural products.  
e. Suspected laboratory contaminant.  
f. Low concentration.  
g. Low frequency of occurrence.  
h. Ubiquitous.  
i. Possible column bleed.  
j. None detected.

contamination could be the result of windblown contamination from Basin A, which exhibits widespread mercury contamination in near-surface soil. The phenomenon will be investigated under the Section 36-UNC program.

The semivolatile GC/MS method applied to all Phase I samples, although not certified for volatile compounds, has been shown capable of detecting tetrachloroethylene, toluene, chlorobenzene, ethylbenzene, and xylene in the nontarget fraction at low recovery levels. The absence of these compounds in the nontarget results for this site is an indication that no contamination is present from these compounds.

Phase I results indicated that the three storage plots included in the Site 36-12 investigation are not sources of contamination. The neighboring storage plots, therefore, are also not considered to be sources of contamination.

The draft version of this report and the proposed Phase II program were reviewed at the onpost MOA meeting on June 3 and 4, 1986. Comments were received from the Colorado Department of Health on May 7, 1986, and from Shell Chemical Company on April 7, 1986. These comments were considered in the preparation of this final report and are presented with responses in Appendix 36-4-C. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) comments are an integral part of the review process and have been previously incorporated into this report.

### 3.3 PHASE II SURVEY

Phase I investigation did not detect the presence of organic contaminants at this site. Evidence of disturbed soil that would suggest trenching activities was also not observed during the Phase I investigation. The elevated metals concentrations in Phase I samples are most likely due to natural geochemical variability in the Denver Formation. A review of historical documentation, interviews with RMA personnel, and aerial photographs indicates that Site 36-12 and the neighboring storage plots consisted of munitions storage areas and are not contaminant sources.

The presence of mercury contamination was noted in four samples in the vicinity of Site 36-12 suggesting that the source of the mercury is unrelated to any disposal activity at this site. As mercury may have been aurally distributed over the general area, follow-up studies to determine the extent and significance of shallow mercury contamination will be conducted under the Section 36-UNC program. Therefore, no Phase II work is recommended for Site 36-12.

#### 3.4 QUANTITY OF POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL

The Decontamination Assessment Report (RMACCPMT, 1984, RIC#84034R01) outlined a hypothetical cleanup strategy for Site 36-12, which consisted of removing 44,000 bank cubic yards (bcy) of soil from the 120,000 ft<sup>2</sup> site. The maximum depth of excavation was estimated at 15 ft. Since only surficial contamination was encountered, the volume will be reduced and included in the Section 36-nonsource area volume estimate.

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PHASE I ANALYTES AND CERTIFIED METHODS

Analytes/Methods	Synonymous Names and Abbreviations	Standard Abbreviations
<b>VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS/GCMS</b>	<b>VOL</b>	<b>VO</b>
1,1-Dichloroethane	1,1-Dichloroethane	11DCLE
1,2-Dichloroethane	1,2-Dichloroethane	12DCLE
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	111TCE
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	112TCE
Benzene	Benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
Bicycloheptadiene	Bicycloheptadiene (BCHD)	BCHPD
Carbon tetrachloride	Carbon tetrachloride	CCl <sub>4</sub>
Chlorobenzene	Chlorobenzene	ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
Chloroform	Chloroform	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
Dibromochloropropane	Dibromochloropropane	DBCP
Dicyclopentadiene	Dicyclopentadiene	DCPD
Dimethyldisulfide	Dimethyldisulfide	DMDS
Ethylbenzene	Ethylbenzene	ETC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
m-Xylene	meta-Xylene	13DMB
Methylene chloride	Methylene chloride	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Methylisobutyl ketone	Methylisobutyl ketone	MIBK
o,p-Xylene	ortho- and/or para-Xylene	XYLEN
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Tetrachloroethylene	TCLEE
Toluene	Toluene	MEC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	Trans 1,2-dichloroethylene	12DCE
Trichloroethene (TCE)	Trichloroethylene	TRCLE
<b>SEMIVOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS/GCMS</b>	<b>EXTRACTABLE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (EX)</b>	<b>SVO</b>
1,4-Oxathiane	1,4-Oxathiane	OXAT
2,2-Bis (para-chlorophenyl)- 1,1-dichloroethane	Dichlorodiphenylethane	PPDDE
2,2-Bis (para-chlorophenyl) 1,1,1-trichloroethane	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane	PPDDT
Aldrin	Aldrin	ALDRN
Atrazine	Atrazine	ATZ
Chlordane	Chlordane	CLDAN
Chlorophenylmethyl sulfide	p-Chlorophenylmethyl sulfide	CPMS
Chlorophenylmethyl sulfoxide	p-Chlorophenylmethyl sulfoxide	CPMSO
Chlorophenylmethyl sulfone	p-Chlorophenylmethyl sulfone	CPMSO <sub>2</sub>
Dibromochloropropane	Dibromochloropropane	DBCP
Dicyclopentadiene	Dicyclopentadiene	DCPD
Dieldrin	Dieldrin	DLDRN
Diisopropylmethyl phosphonate	Diisopropylmethyl phosphonate	DIMP

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SEMIVOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (CONT)		
Dimethylmethyl phosphonate	Dimethylmethyl phosphonate	DMMP
Dithiane	Dithiane	DITH
Endrin	Endrin	ENDRN
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (HCPD)	CL <sub>6</sub> CP
Isodrin	Isodrin	ISODR
Malathion	Malathion	MLTHN
Parathion	Parathion	PRTHN
Supona	2-Chloro-1(2,4-dichlorophenyl) vinyl diethyl phosphate	SUPONA
Vapona	Vapona	DDVP
METALS/ICP		
Cadmium	ICAP Cadmium	ICP CD
Chromium	Chromium	CR
Copper	Copper	CU
Lead	Lead	PB
Zinc	Zinc	ZN
SEPARATE ANALYSES		
Arsenic/AA	Arsenic	AS
Mercury/AA	Mercury	HG
Dibromochloropropane/GC	Dibromochloropropane	DBCP

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VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS/GCMS (Same as Phase I)	VOL	VO
SEMIVOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS/GCMS (Same as Phase I)	EXTRACTABLE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (EX)	SVO
VOLATILE HALOCARBON COMPOUNDS/GCCON	PURGEABLE HALOCARBONS (PHC)	VHO
1,1-Dichloroethane	1,1-Dichloroethane	11DCLE
1,2-Dichloroethane	1,2-Dichloroethane	12DCLE
1,1-Dichloroethene	1,1-Dichloroethene	11DCE
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	111TCE
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	112TCE
Carbon tetrachloride	Carbon tetrachloride	CCl <sub>4</sub>
Chlorobenzene	Chlorobenzene	ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
Chloroform	Chloroform	CHCl <sub>3</sub>
Methylene chloride	Methylene chloride	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Trans 1,2-dichloroethylene	Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	12DCE
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Tetrachloroethylene	TCLEE
Trichloroethene (TCE)	Trichloroethylene	TRCLE
VOLATILE HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS/GCFID	DCPD	HYDCBN
Bicycloheptadiene	Bicycloheptadiene (BCHD)	BCHPD
Dicyclopentadiene	Dicyclopentadiene	DCPD
Methylisobutyl ketone	Methylisobutyl ketone	MIBK
VOLATILE AROMATIC COMPOUNDS/GCPID	PURGEABLE AROMATICS (PAM)	VAO
Benzene	Benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
Ethylbenzene	Ethylbenzene	ETC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
m-Xylene	meta-Xylene	13DMB
o,p-Xylene	ortho- and/or para-Xylene	XYLEN
Toluene	Toluene	MEC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
ORGANOCHLORINE PESTICIDES/GCEC		OCP
2,2-Bis (para-chlorophenyl)- 1,1-dichloroethane	Dichlorodiphenylethane	PPDDE
2,2-Bis (para-chlorophenyl)- 1,1,1-trichloroethane	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane	PPDDT
Aldrin	Aldrin	ALDRN
Chlordane	Chlordane	CLDAN
Dieldrin	Dieldrin	DLDRN
Endrin	Endrin	ENDRN
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	CL <sub>6</sub> CP
Isodrin	Isodrin	ISODR

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ORGANOPHOSPHOROUS PESTICIDES/GCNP	ORGANOPHOSPHOROUS COMPOUNDS (OPC)	OPP
Atrazine	Atrazine	ATZ
Malathion	Malathion	MLTHN
Parathion	Parathion	PRTHN
Supona	2-Chloro-1(2,4-dichlorophenyl) vinyl diethyl phosphate	SUPONA
Vapona	Vapona	DDVP
ORGANOPHOSPHOROUS COMPOUNDS/GCFPD	DIMP	OPC
Diisopropylmethyl phosphonate	Diisopropylmethyl phosphonate	DIMP
Dimethylmethyl phosphonate	Dimethylmethyl phosphonate	DMMP
ORGANOSULPHUR COMPOUNDS/GCFPD		OSC
1,4-Oxathiane	1,4-Oxathiane	OXAT
Benzothiazole	Benzothiazole	BTZ
Chlorophenylmethyl sulfide	p-Chlorophenylmethyl sulfide	CPMS
Chlorophenylmethyl sulfone	p-Chlorophenylmethyl sulfone	CPMSO <sub>2</sub>
Chlorophenylmethyl sulfoxide	p-Chlorophenylmethyl sulfoxide	CPMSO
Dimethyldisulfide	Dimethyldisulfide	DMDS
Dithiane	Dithiane	DITH
METALS/ICP	ICAP	ICP
Cadmium	Cadmium	CD
Chromium	Chromium	CR
Copper	Copper	CU
Lead	Lead	PB
Zinc	Zinc	ZN
SEPARATE ANALYSES		
Arsenic/AA	Arsenic	AS
Mercury/AA	Mercury	HG
Dibromochloropropane/GC	Dibromochloropropane	DBCP

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ARMY AGENT DEGRADATION PRODUCTS:		ADP
AGENT PRODUCTS/HPLC	TDGCL	
Chloroacetic Acid	Chloroacetic acid	CLC2A
Thiodiglycol	Thiodiglycol (TDG)	TDGCL
AGENT PRODUCTS/IONCHROM	IMPA	GBDP
Fluoroacetic acid	Fluoroacetic acid	FC2A
Isopropylmethylphosphonic acid	Isopropylmethylphosphonate	IMPA
Methylphosphonic acid	Methylphosphonate	MPA

Methods	Abbreviations
Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy	AA
Gas Chromatography/Conductivity Detector	GCCON
Gas Chromatography/Electron Capture	GCEC
Gas Chromatography/Flame Ionization Detector	GCFID
Gas Chromatography/Flame Photometric	GCFPD
Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry	GCMS
Gas Chromatography/Nitrogen Phosphorous Detector	GCNPD
Gas Chromatography/Photoionization Detector	GCPID
High Performance Liquid Chromatography	HPLC
Inductively Coupled Argon Plasma	ICP, ICAP
Ion Chromatography	IONCHROM

**APPENDIX 36-12-B**  
**PHASE I CHEMICAL DATA**

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE &amp; ENGINEERING

12/03/85

STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NUMBER 84936300  
FIELD GROUP: 3612A  
PARAMETERS: ALL

PROJECT NAME SECTION 36 RMA  
PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGDOHL

PARAMETERS	STORET #	METHOD #	SAMPLE NUMBERS											
			3126A 508900	3126B 508901	3126C 508902	3126D 508903	3127A 508906	3127B 508907	3127C 508908	3127D 508909	3128A 508912	3128B 508913		
DATE	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85		
TIME	816	829	851	918	950	959	1022	1104	901	908				
SAMPLE TYPE	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO		
SAMPLE DEPTH(CM)	0	122	274	411	0	122	274	411	0	122	0	122		
SITE TYPE 1	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE		
INSTALLATION CODE	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK		
SAMPLING TECHNIQUE	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
MOISTURE(ZMET HT)	13.4	13.9	19.3	21.9	12.3	19.3	19.2	17.5	8.9	4.1				
CADMIUM,SED (UG/G-DRY)	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9		
CR,SOIL (UG/G-DRY)	13	<7	<7	<7	24	<7	<7	<7	12	10				
COPPER,SED (UG/G-DRY)	11	26	27	18	16	22	29	37	10	9				
LEAD,SED (UG/G-DRY)	31	21	<17	23	24	20	22	29	<17	60				
ZINC,SED (UG/G-DRY)	43	42	38	64	79	61	96	96	42	35				
ARSENIC,SED (UG/G-DRY)	<4.7	<4.7	<4.7	<4.7	10	<4.7	<4.7	6.8	<4.7	<4.7	<4.7	<4.7		
MERCURY,SED (UG/G-DRY)	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05		
ALDRIN,SED (UG/G-DRY)	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900		
DIELDRIN(UG/G-DRY)	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
DUT,PP*(UG/G-DRY)	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400		
ENDRIN (UG/G-DRY)	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700		
CHLORDANE,SED(UG/G-DRY)	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00		
DDT,PP*(UG/G-DRY)	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
1,4 OXATHIAKE (UG/G-DRY)	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		



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STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NUMBER: 84936300  
 FIELD GROUP: 3612A  
 PARAMETERS: ALL

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RMA  
 PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
 FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISTLER/BERGDOHL

PARAMETERS	SUBJECT #	3126A 508900	3126B 508901	3126C 508902	3126D 508903	3127A 508906	3127B 508907	3127C 508908	3127D 508909	3128A 508912	3128B 508913
DATE	METHOD #	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85
TIME		816	828	851	918	950	959	1022	1104	901	908
DIMP (UG/G-DRY)	98645	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500
DICHLORANOS (UG/G-DRY)	98646	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
HEXACHLOROPENDI (UG/G-DRY)	98647	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<0.869	<0.869	<0.869	<0.869	<0.869	<0.869
MALATHION (UG/G-DRY)	98648	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600
ISODURIN (UG/G-DRY)	98649	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
1,4 DITHIAZINE (UG/G-DRY)	98650	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
DICHLORODIPHENYL (UG/G-DRY)	98651	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
DBCP (NEMAGOL) (UG/G-DRY)	98652	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
P-CLPHEPTACHLORISULFI (UG/G-DRY)	98653	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
P-CLPHEPTACHLORISULFO (UG/G-DRY)	98654	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400
ATRAZINE (UG/G-DRY)	98655	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700
SUPONA (UG/G-DRY)	98656	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500
DMPP (UG/G-DRY)	98657	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00
ETP PARATHION (UG/G-DRY)	98658	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE (UG/G-DRY)	98680	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA
CHLOROCYCLAZENE (UG/G-DRY)	98681	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA
CHLOROPICHLOR (UG/G-DRY)	98682	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA
1,1-DICHLORODIPHENYL (UG/G-DRY)	98683	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA
1,2-DICHLORODIPHENYL (UG/G-DRY)	98684	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA
BICYCLOHEPTADIENE (UG/G-DRY)	98686	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA

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PROJECT NUMBER: 84936300

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RMA

FIELD GROUP: 3612A

PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER

PARAMETERS: ALL

FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGOLL

SAMPLES: ALL

PARAMETERS	SIDRET #	3126A 508900	3126B 508901	3126C 508902	3126D 508903	3127A 508906	3127B 508907	3127C 508908	3127D 508909	3126A 508912	3126B 508913
DATE	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/23/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85	05/07/85
TIME	816	828	851	918	950	959	1022	1104	901	908	908
TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROCYCLOHEXANE (UG/G-DRY)	98687	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
ETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	98688	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
METHYLENE CHLORIDE (UG/G-DRY)	98689	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	98690	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
TOLUENE (UG/G-DRY)	98691	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE (UG/G-DRY)	98692	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE (UG/G-DRY)	98693	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
TRICHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	98694	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
M-XYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	98695	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
MIBK (UG/G-DRY)	98696	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
DNOS (UG/G-DRY)	98697	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
BENZENE (UG/G-DRY)	98699	NA	NA	NA	<0.300	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
O-ANISOL (UG/G-DRY)	98700	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA
PCP/SO2 (UG/G-DRY)	98703	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
COORDINATE 1/4/5 (SIP)	98392	181573	181573	181573	181573	181421	181421	181421	181421	180918	180918
COORDINATE 1/4/5 (SIP)	98393	2188182	2188182	2188182	2188182	2188190	2188190	2188190	2188190	2188181	2188181
UNK620 (UG/G)	98374										0.619
UNK621 (UG/G)	98375										
UNK633 (UG/G)	98685										
UNK637 (UG/G)	98689										



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STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NUMBER: 89936360  
FIELD GROUP: 3612A  
PARAMETERS: ALL

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RMA  
PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGDOHL

SAMPLES: ALL

PARAMETER	STORET #	3129A 503913	3129B 503919	3129C 508920	3129D 508921	3129E 508922	3130A 508924	3130B 508925	3131A 508930	3131B 508931	3132A 508936
DATE	REFID #	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/07/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85
TIME		1437	1442	1504	1546	010	1356	1404	1139	1154	931
SAMPLE TYPE	71999	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO	SO
SAMPLE REFID(CR)	97758	0	122	274	427	488	0	122	0	122	0
SITE TYPE 1	97759	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE	BORE
INSTALLATION CODE	97720	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK	RK
SAMPLING TECHNIQUE	72005	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
MOISTURE (ZWCET RT)	70320	6.0	5.2	15.0	19.0	18.8	4.6	4.3	7.0	1.3	6.0
CADMIUM, SED (UG/G-DRY)	1028	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9	<0.9
CR, SOIL (UG/G-DRY)	97584	14	9	<7	<7	<7	9	<7	12	10	11
COPPER, SED (UG/G-DRY)	1043	11	6	34	39	34	10	9	11	21	11
LEAD, SED (UG/G-DRY)	1052	27	<17	19	26	19	20	<17	22	<17	35
ZINC, SED (UG/G-DRY)	1093	45	36	85	101	86	37	35	40	37	53
ARSENIC, SED (UG/G-DRY)	1003	6.6	<4.7	5.4	6.7	<4.7	5.0	<4.7	5.8	<4.7	<4.7
MERCURY, SED (UG/G-DRY)	71921	0.07	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.07	<0.05	0.10	<0.05	0.16
ALUMINUM, SED (UG/G-DRY)	93356	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900	<0.900
DIELDRIN (UG/G-DRY)	93365	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
DDE, PP* (UG/G-DRY)	93364	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400
ENDRIN (UG/G-DRY)	93369	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700
CHLOROBIPHENYL (UG/G-DRY)	93361	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00
DDE, PP* (UG/G-DRY)	93363	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
1,4 OXATHIENE (UG/G-DRY)	93644	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300

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STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NUMBER: 04930300  
FIELD GROUP: 3612A  
PARAMETERS: ALL

SAMPLES: ALL

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RMA  
PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISLER/BERGDOLL

PARAMETERS	STREET #	METHOD #	SAMPLE NUMBERS											
			3129A 508916	3129B 508919	3129C 508920	3129D 508921	3129E 508922	3130A 508924	3130B 508925	3131A 508930	3131B 508931	3132A 508936		
DATE	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/07/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	
TIME	1437	1442	1504	1504	1546	1546	818	1356	1404	1139	1154	931		
DIMP (UG/G-DRY)	93645		<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500		
DICHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE (UG/G-DRY)	93646		<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE (UG/G-DRY)	93647		<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<0.869	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00		
MALATHION (UG/G-DRY)	93648		<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600		
ISODRIN (UG/G-DRY)	93649		<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
1,4-DITHIANE (UG/G-DRY)	93650		<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
DICYCLOPENTADIENE (UG/G-DRY)	93651		<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
OSCP (NEMACON) (UG/G-DRY)	93652		<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005		
P-CLPHENYLETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93653		<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300		
P-CLPHENYLETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93654		<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400		
ATRAZINE (UG/G-DRY)	93655		<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700		
SOPHRA (UG/G-DRY)	93656		<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500		
DHP (UG/G-DRY)	93657		<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00		
ETHPARATHION (UG/G-DRY)	93658		<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700		
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE (UG/G-DRY)	93659		NA	HA	HA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CHLOROBENZENE (UG/G-DRY)	93661		NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	HA	HA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CHLOROPHUR (UG/G-DRY)	93662		NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93663		NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93664		NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BICYCLOHEPTADIENE (UG/G-DRY)	93666		NA	HA	HA	HA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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PROJECT NUMBER: 84936300

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RMA

FIELD GROUP: 3612A

PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER

PARAMETERS: ALL

FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISLER/BERGOOLL

PARAMETERS	STORET #	METHOD #	SAMPLE NUMBERS									
			3129A	3129B	3129C	3129D	3129E	3130A	3130B	3131A	3131B	3132A
			503913	508919	500920	506921	508922	508924	508925	508930	508931	508936
DATE	05/06/85		05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/07/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85
TIME	1437		1442	1504	1546	818	1356	1404	1139	1154	931	
TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93687	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93688	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
METHYLENE CHLORIDE (UG/G-DRY)	93689	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93690	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOLUENE (UG/G-DRY)	93691	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE (UG/G-DRY)	93692	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE (UG/G-DRY)	93693	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TRICHLOROETHYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93694	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
M-XYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93695	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MIBK (UG/G-DRY)	93696	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DMSO (UG/G-DRY)	93697	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
BENZENE (UG/G-DRY)	93699	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
O-AND/OR P-XYLENE (UG/G-DRY)	93700	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PCPMS02 UG/G-DRY	93703	0	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300
CUORDINATE, W/5 (SIF)	93392	0	180330	180830	180830	180839	180330	180710	180710	180948	180948	180769
CUORDINATE, W/4 (SIF)	93393	0	2188111	2188111	2188111	2188111	2188111	2188154	2188154	2187811	2187811	2187751
UNK620 (UG/G)	93074	0	2.13				0.951					
UNK621 (UG/G)	93075	0	0.453		0.279							
UNK633 (UG/G)	93085	0	0.692					0.170		0.224		
UNK637 (UG/G)	93089	0	0.569									

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING  
PROJECT NUMBER: 39936300  
FIELD GROUP: 5012A  
PARAMETERS: ALL SAMPLES: ALL

12/03/85

STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RHA  
PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGDOHL

PARAMETERS	STORE #	SAMPLE NUMBERS											
		3129A	3129B	3129C	3129D	3129E	3130A	3130B	3131A	3131B	3132A		
		503918	503919	503920	503921	503922	503924	503925	503930	503931	503936		
DATE	DEF 400 H	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/07/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85	05/06/85		
TIME		1437	1442	1504	1546	210	1356	1404	1139	1154	931		
UNK542 (UC/G)	90108	0.435											
UNK558 (UC/G)	90098		0.071										
UNK559 (UC/G)	90099		0.055										
UNK619 (UC/G)	90105		0.206	1.63	0.345		0.333	0.282	0.637	0.222	0.171		
UNK635 (UC/G)	90087		0.104										
UNK629 (UC/G)	90082			2.06		1.23	0.738		1.89				
UNK606 (UC/G)	90065				0.138		0.416		0.465				
UNK614 (UC/G)	90070				0.506					0.462			
UNK630 (UC/G)	90106								0.221				
UNK524 (UC/G)	90015												





ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS & ENGINEERING  
 PROJECT NO.: 3473300  
 FIELD GROUP: 30-24  
 PARAMETERS: ALL SAMPLES: ALL  
 STATUS: PRELIMINARY  
 PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RMA  
 PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
 FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGODOLL

SAMPLE NUMBERS

PARAMETERS	31323 503937	31326 503935	31329 503939	503980	503981
DATE	05/26/85	05/26/85	05/26/85	05/26/85	05/26/85
TIME	939	1000	1022	0	0
DIMP (06/06-DRY)	95545 0	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	NA
DICHLORVUS (06/06-DRY)	95546 0	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	NA
HEXCHLORVUS (06/06-DRY)	95547 0	<1.00	<1.00	<1.00	NA
MALATHION (06/06-DRY)	95548 0	<0.600	<0.600	<0.600	NA
ISOBORIC (06/06-DRY)	95549 0	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	NA
1,4-DITHIANE (06/06-DRY)	95550 0	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	NA
DICHLOROMETHANE (06/06-DRY)	95551 0	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	NA
DACR (METHANE) (06/06-DRY)	95552 0	<0.305	<0.405	<0.405	<0.605
P-CLIPHEMETHYL (06/06-DRY)	95553 0	<0.300	<0.300	<0.300	NA
P-CLIPHEMETHYL (06/06-DRY)	95554 0	<0.400	<0.400	<0.400	NA
AFRAZINE (06/06-DRY)	95555 0	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	NA
SUPRIF (06/06-DRY)	95556 0	<0.500	<0.500	<0.500	NA
CHRP (06/06-DRY)	95557 0	<2.00	<2.00	<2.00	NA
EPP-PARATHION (06/06-DRY)	95558 0	<0.700	<0.700	<0.700	NA
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE (06/06-DRY)	95559 0	NA	<0.500	<0.300	NA
CHLORACETONE (06/06-DRY)	95561 0	NA	<0.500	<0.300	NA
CHLORALFUM (06/06-DRY)	95562 0	NA	<0.500	0.981	NA
1,1-DICHLOROTETRAFLUOROETHANE (06/06-DRY)	95563 0	NA	<0.500	<0.300	NA
1,2-DICHLOROTETRAFLUOROETHANE (06/06-DRY)	95564 0	NA	<0.500	<0.300	NA
BICYCLOHEMETHYLENE (06/06-DRY)	95565 0	NA	<0.500	<0.300	NA

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING  
 PROJECT: ROAD 4750300  
 FIELD CAMP: 30124  
 PARAMETERS: ALL  
 SAMPLES: ALL

STATUS: PRELIMINARY

12/03/85

PROJECT NAME: SECTION 36 RHA  
 PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
 FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGDOHL

SAMPLE NUMBERS

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508980 508981ELK  
508980 50898131320  
50893931320  
50893431328  
508937

PARAMETER

Signal #

REF ID #

05/05/85 05/06/85 05/06/85 05/06/85

DATE

TIME

TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROBENZENE (05/05-06)

EHTYLENEGLYCOL (05/05-06)

METHYLENE GLYCOL (05/05-06)

TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (05/05-06)

TOLUENE (05/05-06)

1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHYLENE (05/05-06)

1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHYLENE (05/05-06)

TRICHLOROETHYLENE (05/05-06)

M-XYLENE (05/05-06)

MIBK (05/05-06)

DMSO (05/05-06)

BENZENE (05/05-06)

O-ANISOL (05/05-06)

PCPH-02 (05/05-06)

CUMYLALDEHYDE (05/05-06)

CUMYLALDEHYDE (05/05-06)

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING 12/03/95 STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NAME SECTION 36 RMA  
PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGDOHL  
FIELD GROUP: 36123 SAMPLES: ALL  
PARAMETERS: ALL

STATUS: PRELIMINARY

PROJECT NAME SECTION 36 RMA  
PROJECT MANAGER: BILL FRASER  
FIELD GROUP LEADER: GEISZLER/BERGDOLL

SAMPLE NUMBERS

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REF ID: A576655

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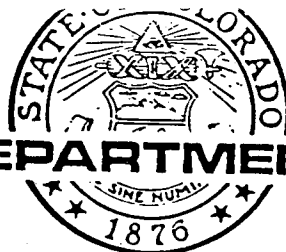
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**APPENDIX 36-12-C**  
**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

# COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Richard D. Lamm  
Governor



Thomas M. Vernon, M.D.  
Executive Director

May 7, 1986

Mr. Donald Campbell  
Office of the Program Manager  
RMA Contamination Cleanup  
Department of the Army  
Aberdeen Proving Ground  
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Enclosed are our comments on the Phase II, Section 36, Draft Final Source Report, 36-5, 36-8, 36-10, 36-11, 36-20, 36-21, and 36-22. This document includes a very brief discussion of the general approach for conducting Phase II investigations and a proposal for Phase II "indicator levels" for all future source area investigations.

As we stated in our preliminary comments transmitted to you on April 2, 1986, we do not concur with the proposed Phase II approach and specifically with the proposed inorganic indicator levels. It was not at all clear in the report how the indicator levels for the metals were determined. At the April 22, 1986 MOA Onpost Task Group Meeting, Mr. Kevin Blose stated that the proposals for the Phase II approach and indicator levels were generated together by the Army and the U.S. EPA. We were told that this occurred at "numerous meetings in the past several months" between the Army Staff, the Army's remedial contractors and Mr. Jim Baker, the EPA Region VIII toxicologist. Since we were not present at any of these meetings, we are formally requesting that you provide to us the minutes and any handouts from each of the meetings so that we may better understand the reasoning behind the Army and EPA's Phase II proposals.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Looby  
Remedial Programs Director

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cc: Howard Kenison, Colorado Attorney General Office  
Bob Duprey, U. S. EPA, Region VIII  
Bob Lundahl, Shell Chemical Co.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. The "Executive Summary" section is not an accurate heading for this portion of the report. According to the Onpost Task Group meeting held on April 22, 1986, the section is actually an abbreviated discussion of the Army and EPA's proposal for determining representative background levels for metals at RMA and Phase II "indicator levels" for contaminants analyzed in the Phase I unsaturated soils sampling program. For organic compounds, the background and indicator levels proposed are the same as the analytical method detection limit. For the metals, it is not clear whether there was a statistical or scientific basis used to establish the indicator levels.

We recommend that the entire Executive Summary Section should be removed from this document and be rewritten as a separate document. The separate report would be a detailed compilation and evaluation of as much of the "uncontaminated area" soils data as exists at the time the draft is prepared. The final report would include all the Phase I soils data for the known "uncontaminated areas" of RMA. The report must include a thorough statistical analysis of all the soils data collected to document what constitutes the "background" or naturally occurring levels for all inorganic contaminants examined in the Phase I program.

The executive summary defines an indicator level as "a concentration or range of concentrations for each potential contaminant above which that contaminant approaches levels considered to be above natural background variability. These indicator levels are not to be considered action levels as they are not based on toxicity." Using this definition of an indicator level, the report would then identify the concentration or range of concentrations where a contaminant approaches levels considered to be above natural background variability. That variability within the data base can be expressed as the standard deviation (sigma). The indicator levels for inorganics would then be established based on multiples of sigma. If a concentration of a potential contaminant exceeds the calculated background level plus two times sigma, then you are 95% confident that the level found in the soil sample is "above natural background variability". We propose that at a minimum, all Phase I soils data that exceed the 95% confidence level should be evaluated in the Phase II investigations. Some substantial justification would have to be provided to eliminate that boring from the Phase II program. If indicator ranges for inorganic metals are desired, we would propose using the 90% confidence level as the lower limit when Phase II investigations should be considered.

The Phase I "uncontaminated area" soils data collected from the four most contaminated sections on the Arsenal (36, 26, 1 and 2) must not be used in the assessment of background concentrations for metals. The probability that contamination has migrated to these areas from windblown deposits, contaminated surface water or ground water is very high. The report should also discuss the objectives of the Phase II program, the changes in the sampling methodology and analytic procedures, and other procedural changes from the Phase I program.

2. We do not concur with all the indicator levels presently proposed by the Army and EPA in the Phase II report. The levels proposed in the Executive Summary for metals need substantially greater justification than one paragraph per inorganic metal as offered in the summary. Until the above described analysis to establish statistically and scientifically based indicator levels can be completed, we propose that the following indicator levels be utilized in all Phase II investigations.

<u>ANALYTE AND RMA DET. LIM.</u>	<u>RMA PROPOSED INDICATOR LEVEL</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>CDH PROPOSED INDICATOR LEVEL</u>
All Organic Compounds	Method Detection limit		Method Detection limit of
Arsenic 4.7 ppm	10 - 15 ppm	None detected (ND) in 87% of the 258 Phase I samples collected. ND in 97% of all Phase I samples collected outside Sec. 36.	Method Detection limit of 4.7 ppm
Cadmium .5 ppm - .9 ppm	2-5 ppm	ND in 98% of the Phase I samples at .5 to .9 ppm	Method Detection limit of .5 -.9 ppm.
Chromium 7ppm	30-50 ppm	ND in 33% of Phase I samples at 7 ppm. Actual mean was approx. 10 ppm. Highest level found in 258 Phase I samples 24 ppm.	20 ppm.
Copper 5 ppm	20-50 ppm	ND in 25% of the Phase I samples 70% of all samples show 10 ppm or less. Highest level found in 258 samples was 24 ppm. A 30 ppm range is not justified	20 ppm
Mercury .05 ppm	.1-.2 ppm	ND in 93% of all Phase I samples ND in 99% of all samples collected outside Sec. 36.	Method detection limit of .05 ppm

Lead	30-75 ppm	ND in 60% of all	25 ppm
16 ppm		Phase I samples.	
		75% of samples had	
		less than 20 ppm.	
		Highest concentra-	
		tion found in all	
		Phase I Samples	
		was 44 ppm.	
Zinc	80-100 ppm	ND in 7% of Phase	50 ppm
10 ppm		I samples at 10 ppm	
		Mean concentration	
		found approximately	
		36 ppm. Highest	
		concentration in 258	
		Phase I samples was	
		65 ppm.	

3. The Phase II monitoring program must incorporate contaminant transport mechanisms into the sample collection scheme. In areas where windblown contamination is suspected, samples of the upper 2-4 inches of soils would be collected. Phase II investigations of source areas must extend into the uppermost saturated zone to evaluate if the source area is contributing to contamination found in the saturated zone.

The Phase II Remedial Investigation program within the presumed uncontaminated portions of RMA must investigate the primary contaminant transport pathway to confirm that no active source areas remain undetected. Some soil bores in the "uncontaminated" areas must extend into the uppermost saturated zone except in areas where detailed definition of the chemical quality of the uppermost groundwater system exists. Volatile organics contaminants were eliminated from analysis in all Phase I uncontaminated area samples due to the compositing procedure which we did not agree was appropriate sample collection method. All Phase II investigations of the uncontaminated areas must include the analysis of volatiles in the deepest interval at or within the saturated zone.

4. For all future source reports, related or adjacent source areas should be compiled into a single volume or provided for review in several volumes simultaneously. This first Phase II report often referred to data collected from source areas that were not included in this volume. There were several instances when the Army was using data to support decisions to eliminate sources or alter source boundaries without providing that data to us. Without the data we are unable to concur with the Army's recommendations and this may eventually delay Phase II implementation.



**FINAL RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC COMMENTS OF  
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
TASK 1, DRAFT FINAL PHASE I REPORT  
SITE 36-12: PITS/TRENCHES**

General comments made in the cover letter by Colorado Department of Health were discussed at the MOA meeting on June 3 and 4, 1986. A final response to these comments is included within the minutes of the MOA meeting. The following responses address the preceding specific comments from Colorado Department of Health on the Final Site 36-12 Report.

Comment 1:

P. 36-12-2      Boring location for 3010 needs to be corrected.

Response:      Boring location for 3010 has been corrected.

Comment 2:

P. 36-12-12      Boring 3127 had arsenic at 10 ug/g in A interval; Boring 3131 had mercury at 0.1 ug/g in A interval. These need to be indicated.

Response:      The figures only showed values above the lower indicator level at that time. These results have been added to the figure.

Comment 3:

P. 36-12-16      What efforts were made to assure that the Phase I boring locations actually penetrated the trenches and were not located outside them.

Response:      Please see the Introduction to the Contamination Assessment Reports, the Task 1 Technical Plan, and Section 2.0 of this text regarding the rationale for boring placement. According to historical evidence, aerial photograph interpretation, personnel interviews, and field observations, trenches were never dug at this site.

Comment 4:

P. 36-12-19      Given the results in Figure 31-12-3, justification for no Phase II work needs additional clarification.

Response:      Please see p. 36-12-9 for a site history update and p. 36-12-21 for an explanation of bedrock high effects on metals levels. Shallow mercury contamination will be further investigated under the windblown contamination study for nonsource areas in Section 36.

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April 7, 1986

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Dear Mr. Campbell:

We submit herewith Shell's comments on the draft final copies of Contamination Assessment Reports on Section 36, sources 36-5, 36-8, 36-10, 36-11, 36-12, 36-20, 36-21, and 36-22, February 1986.

In view of the limited time available for review, Shell may have additional comments at a later date. Also, since as indicated in your March 11, 1986 cover letter, this first group of reports represents relatively straightforward contamination results and uncomplicated Phase II sampling design, it may not expose substantive issues which may arise in the later more complex source assessments. For this reason also we reserve the right to make additional comments at a later date.

General comments which apply to the methodology and data presentation of all reports are provided below. Comments on specific sources are attached.

Our most serious concern with your assessment approach is with the derivation of background levels ("Indicator Levels") as described in the Executive Summary.

- For all seven of the trace metals, the indicator levels selected are greater than the facts presented can support. This is due partly to the use of national and regional background statistics (literature sources) in guiding the selection of the indicator levels. Comparison of local background data (bulk soil sample and soil from "uncontaminated" areas) clearly shows that the literature statistics are not representative of the RMA environment, i.e., they indicate higher background levels.
- Some of the soil analyses of "uncontaminated" areas (Table 4) used in guiding the selection of indicator levels can be expected to include a contaminant component in addition to natural background.

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This may be especially true for mercury and arsenic based on Section 36 Phase I data which indicates frequent occurrences of these metals at shallow levels. This would tend to increase apparent natural background levels.

- The highest measurements (upper 20%) for each metal in the "uncontaminated" soil samples appear to have keyed the lower bound of the selected indicator level. The upper bounds (excepting zinc) range from a factor of 1.6 to 2.5 of the lower bound. This results in too broad a range in which proposed decisions will be made on the Phase II investigation.
- Shell's proposals for indicator levels are developed in comments under the Executive Summary section of the attached comments.

A second concern relates to the presentation (or lack thereof) of data and other information. Certain features of the presentation, listed below, could cause misinterpretation of the data or misdirection of subsequent work efforts.


- Sampling intervals in each report (e.g., Table 36-5-1) list the planned intervals in the Phase I Technical Plan but the actual depth of the interval was frequently changed in the field (usually because the water table was encountered). Actual depth of sampling should be shown in the reports for each sample.
- Each report includes a table of most recent analyses of groundwater under or near the source area (e.g., Table 36-5-5). Many of these analyses are quite old, up to 8 years, and therefore highly questionable as to interpretive value. Also, since groundwater contamination at any point frequently reflects contaminants up dip of the area, it is difficult to see how inclusion of groundwater analysis can provide insight to contamination on a localized basis. Groundwater data should not be included unless inferences can reasonably be made from it.
- Soil samples taken near the water table may reflect contaminants from the underlying groundwater (by volatilization or level fluctuation) as opposed to contamination from the surface. This should be suspected especially when volatiles are found at this level but not at shallower levels. See for example boring 3136 in Source 36-5. A designator should be used when groundwater contamination is possible.
- Modifications to source area boundaries from the Phase I Technical Plan occur frequently in this set of reports, e.g., Source 36-5 and 36-11. The modifications should be described in the text and reasons stated.

- In designing Section 36 Phase II plans, several of the source areas in these reports are redistributed and consolidated with other source areas. This creates multiple source areas for Phase II study but the title of the expanded sources do not reflect this. For example, borings are assigned to Source 36-20 (Chemical Sewer) which are unlikely to have been impacted by the chemical sewer because of lateral distance from it. To avoid misinterpretation of data, adjustments should be made to titles in these instances.

Finally, we would like to comment regarding the Army's screening method whereby the data generated by all samples analyzed for semi-volatile and volatile compounds by GC/MS be examined to identify the unknown present. The issue of identification of unknowns is not a new issue and has been the subject of numerous communications in recent months, in particular with regard to possible degradation compounds from Army surety agents. Shell has provided the Army with a list of compounds which have a high probability of being in the environment. Unfortunately, the screening techniques utilized by the Army have a low probability of detecting most of the compounds specified by Shell. Most of these compounds would not get through the gas chromatographic columns and would require derivatization to be amenable to the specified analytical techniques. This may account for the fact that, basis the Assessment Reports released thus far, unknowns have not been found, except for naturally occurring organic compounds or impurities introduced during extraction. We recognize that the Army has plans underway to supplement Phase II analytical efforts with several specific target compounds and possible addition of methods for organo-mercury and organo-arsenic compounds. This is a step in the right direction.

We look forward to discussing these comments at a forthcoming On-Post MOA Task Group meeting.

Very truly yours,



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Manufacturing & Technical

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Attachment

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**FINAL RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC COMMENTS OF  
SHELL OIL COMPANY ON  
TASK 1, DRAFT FINAL PHASE I REPORT  
SITE 36-12: PITS/TRENCHES**

General comments made in the cover letter by Shell Oil Company were discussed at the MOA meeting on June 3 and 4, 1986. A final response to these comments is included within the minutes of the MOA meeting. The following responses address the preceding specific comments from Shell Oil Company on the Final Site 36-12 Report.

**Comment 1:**  
P. 36-12-19  
last paragraph

Agree that follow-up studies on shallow mercury contamination should be conducted.

**Response:**

An additional area-wide investigation of mercury contamination will be conducted under the Section 36 Nonsource Area windblown contamination study.